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## Christmas RARC Gathering 2008

December 12 , 2008

### Location:

**Joe's Steakhouse, Union City, TN**

Formally known as *Italian Vineyard* and before that, *Gracie's*, Joe's Steakhouse was the selection for this year's RARC Christmas Gathering.

Located on Ken-Ten Highway, Joe's Steakhouse is known for their Flatiron Steak.

### Attendance:

As usual, a terrific group of us gathered for the festivities - Glenn N4MJ, RARC President and XYL Linda; Glenn's son Michael and his wife Christy, with Glenn's grandson Brandon KJ4FTN; Bob K9IL, RARC Vice-President and XYL Rose W9DHD; Ray N4SLY and XYL Dolly KN4SLY; Jamie WB4YDL with XYL June ; Phil N4PWG; Ottis K5BSE and Rhelda N5BSE; Ron W9RVR and XYL Gladys KJ4EKN; Art WA4EQO and friend Tracy; Jim Erickson KI4KHT and XYL Debbie; and Harold Meyers



Rose W9DHD's magnificent door prize table

KJ4FTM.

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**Bob K9IL and XYL Rose W9DHD**

### Door Prizes:

Once again, Rose W9DHD exhibited her artistry with gifts that she constructed. These included Christmas motif items with sleds, Santa's, reindeer, and teddy bears, but this year, also included more 'year round' display items. These items included lighthouses with appropriate antennas and lights. Very cool !

### The Meeting:

As is traditional during the Christmas Gathering, there was no formal business. Everybody was enjoying themselves and each other's company too much. Glenn N4MJ, our club President, reviewed some of the happenings, awards and accolades achieved by the Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club during 2008. Among these accomplishments was the club's first Hamfest which was attended by nearly 200 hams and friends. Another Hamfest is scheduled for March 21, 2009. Taking advantage of



**Glenn N4MJ and XYL Linda**



**Harold KI4FTM, Ray N4SLY and XYL KN4SLY**

air-conditioned facilities, the Field Day 2008 event was the most successful ever placing 3rd in Tennessee and 37th nationally in the most competitive 2A division. There were many new hams in RARC and many members also upgraded their license. Many changes were seen in this ARES district and there was a very successful organizational meeting which was very well attended. Many members participated in the annual ARRL SET, which in

Tennessee revolved around the "Perfect Storm" scenario. These were all 'Firsts' for RARC in 2008. There were also several members who individually achieved operating awards and received awards for efforts in contests.

This next year will again have a very busy agenda. There is a planned Technician Class license course set for February, the "Ides of March" Hamfest, a library display in May/June and then the annual Field Day event. And somewhere in between all this,

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**Jamie WB4YDL and XYL June**

there are requests for workshops and a possible ARRL book set delivery to a surrounding



**Ottis K5BSE and Rhelda N5BSE**

library. Also of note, Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club has received a \$500 donation from the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company to use for amateur radio training.

### Epilogue :

The next regular scheduled RARC meeting will be on January 22, 2009. The Net Control Station and Refreshment assignments will be posted soon. Many thanks also to Ron W9RVR and XYL Gladys KJ4EKN for their hospitality and dessert after the gathering. Until next time ...

**Have a Very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Good DX!**

